

WAKE FOREST URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

MINUTES

June 9, 2008

Members Present: John Patterson, John Pelosi, Earl Creutzburg, Everett Bolton, Jennifer McGehean, Don Daria, Jeff Yokovich, Pete Jordan

Members Absent: John Rich, Pete Thibodeau (ex officio)

Visiting: Keith Robbins

Staff: Ann Ayers

CALL TO ORDER

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Earl Creutzburg made a motion to approve the minutes, Everett Bolton seconded the motion which was approved 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Landscape Ordinance

Keith Robbins visited the Urban Forestry Board to describe the Landscape Ordinance amendments and to request participation from the Urban Forestry Board. The Urban Forestry Board recommended Pete Jordan as the representative to serve on the committee.

b. Zone Map & Location of Trees to Remove

The Urban Forestry Board Members will venture out into their respective zones to complete a windshield survey of dead street trees to be marked for removal/replacement. Staff will provide a worksheet for consistent entries. They would like to have T-Shirts & Safety Vests to indicate they are serving the town in an official capacity.

c. Work Plan – Web Site & Corridor Tree Selection

The members will scan other sites and provide recommendations on content for the WF Urban Forestry web page(s). Pete Jordan indicated that he will provide the pdf files he has with applicable information.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Oak dieback on the street tree @ Wingate & South Avenue – Zone 3
Staff will draft a letter to NCDOT suggesting further professional evaluation of what the Urban Forestry Board considers to be a dangerous tree. The letter will come from the Urban Forestry Board.
- b. Oak Cemetery – Zone 1
No further discussion.
- c. Stonegate Subdivision Street Trees
The Board suggests hiring an intern to research the location of the street trees in relation to the easements in Stonegate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Earl Creutzburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Pelosi seconded the motion. The motion was approved (6-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

John Patterson, Chairman

Ann Ayers, Planner/Secretary



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Dear Mr. Elmore:

Pete Jordan, a member of the Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board and professional arborist spoke with someone at NCDOT regarding a very large dying Oak tree near Wingate Street and South Avenue in the NCDOT rights-of-way. The NCDOT representative suggested taking a wait and see approach rather than removal. However, the Urban Forestry Board has identified this tree as a dangerous tree and voted to approve it for removal. The Urban Forestry Board feels very strongly that this tree could pose a hazard in its current condition and urges the Department to have the tree professionally assessed.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

John Patterson,
Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board
Town of Wake Forest
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